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1. Schools of the People's Militia are organized under the pattern of organization of the People's Militia itself. The latter includes the Administration of the People's Militia for Yugoslavia and the Administration of the People's Militia for the various republics.
2. The Officers' School of the People's Militia is under the Administration of the People's Militia for Yugoslavia, which serves all the federal units and supplies the entire Militia with officer personnel.
  - a) Most of the officers who come to this school have had no previous schooling, but earned their rank during the war and now have completed several classes in a gymnasium. The course for such officers lasts one year.
  - b) A second type of officer-candidate is the non-commissioned officer who has served the proper length of time in a cadre and has completed several classes in a gymnasium. His training lasts two years.
  - c) Finally, Army officers can elect to be transferred to the Militia after a competitive examination. These officers, who must have completed gymnasium, graduate from the Militia Officers' School after a three-month's course.
3. The Non-Commissioned Officers' Schools of the People's Militia are under the Administration of the People's Militia for each republic. These schools actually are divided into two schools: Permanent Non-Commissioned Officers' Schools of the People's Militia, and the Preparatory School of the People's Militia.
4. The People's Militia School in Zagreb, Croatia, has its headquarters in Zagreb in the building of the former Convent at Sv. Duh 27. The commandant of the school is concurrently the commandant of the Militia for Croatia. He is Lt.Colonel Lutva Ahmetovic, and he spends several hours each day at the school. This school is divided into two parts:
  - a) The Permanent Non-Commissioned Officer's School of the

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People's Militia. The commandant is Major Stanislav Skoberne, a Slovenian about 45 years of age. There are three other officers (one Captain, one 1st Lieutenant and one 2nd Lieutenant) permanently assigned to the school, as well as approximately ten non-commissioned officers. In addition to these officers, other militia officers detached from the Administration of the People's Militia for Croatia are employed as instructors. The course lasts six months; there are always 180 to 200 students in attendance and they are divided ordinarily into two companies. Non-commissioned officers who won their ranks through merit during the war also attend. Most of the course is in theoretical training with very little stress placed on practical knowledge.

- b) The Preparatory School of the People's Militia. The commandant of this school is Major Micun Bokic, a Montenegrin and Party member, 37 years of age. First Lieutenant Milan Reljic, a Party member who is also assigned to this school, comes from Karlovac. He is about 30 years of age. In addition to these two officers there are approximately 15 or 20 non-commissioned officers on duty. The school is continuous. Courses last three months each, one beginning as another finishes. During one course the students were divided into three companies, as follows: First Company - 120 students; Second Company - 250 students and Third Company - 135 students.

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